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## EUROPE

1. ITALY: Comparison of French-Italian Communist propaganda-- US Embassy Rome, in pointing out the similarities and differences in the "peace" propaganda of the Italian Communist Party and that of the French Communists, notes that the Italian Communists place relatively little emphasis on opposition to German rearmament but instead stress Italy's poverty and dwell on the burden that Italian rearmament would place on the working class. The Embassy observes that recent Italian Communist propaganda makes no attempt to terrify Italians with the specter of the overwhelming might of the Red Army but rather focuses on the expediency of "neutrality" as the means to preserve "peace" for Italy. The Embassy reports in this connection that left-wing Socialist leader Nenni, the principal spokesman for this "neutrality" thesis, recently declared that "the only intelligent conservatives are those who hang desperately to hope of a negotiated peace and support neutrality."

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2. GREECE: No renewal of large-scale fighting foreseen-- US Embassy Athens reports that the ranking US military officer in Greece has no information which would indicate an early renewal of hostilities against Greece "on a military scale." According to the Embassy, this officer shares the views held by "responsible people" in Athens that the Greek Communist guerrillas now in Bulgaria and elsewhere are not by themselves capable of operating as a military force and that neither Albania nor Bulgaria would engage in any military venture against Greece unless backed by Russian troops, either overtly or covertly supplied.

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3. IRAN: Possible disturbances over oil legislation--US Embassy Tehran believes that the Razmara Government may find it difficult to obtain a vote of confidence when it attempts to justify its recent withdrawal of a supplementary oil bill revising its contract with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The bill was withdrawn in order to forestall opposition attempts to link it with the question of nationalizing the oil industry, which the government strongly opposes. The Embassy reports that a mass demonstration was scheduled by the government's opposition for 29 December and warns that, with public emotion being whipped up over the question, there is some possibility that minor civil disturbances may take place.

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**FAR EAST**

4. INDOCHINA: Large-scale Viet Minh attack expected in January--General de Lattre de Tassigny, French High Commissioner for Indochina, has told US Minister Heath he feels "almost certain" the Viet Minh will attack in force in January. De Lattre said weather conditions beginning about 15 January will practically prohibit employment of his air force, thereby favoring Viet Minh attacks. Concerning a Chinese Communist invasion, de Lattre believes there are actually fewer Chinese Communist troops in southern China now than in October and that the Chinese will not invade before February at the earliest. Because reinforcements and new materials are scheduled to arrive in January, he is less afraid of a possible Chinese invasion, presumably after January, than he is of Viet Minh attack before supplies arrive. De Lattre further said he considers the newly equipped and Chinese-trained Viet Minh battalions much superior to the Chinese Communist troops in south China.

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